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SUBJECT: ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS

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1. DURING PAST TEN DAYS SINGAPORE PRESS HAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL STORIES REPORTING THAT LAST THREE ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS WILL LEAVE SINGAPORE IN MAY. PRINCIPAL STORY CARRIED FRONT PAGE SUNDAY TIMES APRIL 14 RECOUNTS ORIGINS OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY MISSION TO SINGAPORE, NOTES THAT IN 1969 THE ISRAELI MISSION TOTALLED 45 AND THAT AS SINGAPORE DEFENSE FORCE OFFICERS HAVE ACQUIRED MORE EXPERIENCE AND OVERSEAS TRAINING, NEED FOR ISRAELI ADVISERS HAS DIMINISHED. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING FINAL DEPARTURE OF ISRAELI OFFICERS IN MAY, ARTICLE NOTES THAT DEFENSE MINISTER GOH EXPRESSED
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SINGAPORE'S APPRECIATION FOR ISRAELI HELP DURING A RECENT

FUNCTION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED ON APRIL 18 REUTERS DESPATCH FROM JERUSALEM STATING THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP FROM SINGAPORE, BUT INDICATED THAT ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC MISSION WOULD REMAIN.

3. NONE OF THE PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE RELATED THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELI OFFICERS TO RECENT ARAB PRESSURE ON GOS DURING THE OIL CRISIS.

4. ACCORDING DAO INFO, THREE REMAINING ISRAELI OFFICERS WILL PROBABLY LEAVE SINGAPORE PRIOR TO MAY 15.
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